

## AGRICULTURAL.

### Report of a Committee to the Hancock County Agricultural Club, No. 1.

Gentlemen of the Club:

Your committee appointed at our meeting on the 16th of July last, to visit certain plantations in the neighborhood of the village of "White Plains," in the counties of Greene and Hancock, and to carefully inspect the effects upon crops of cotton and corn of a new fertilizer used there, and generally known as the "Bryant Fertilizer," and to make a report upon the same, beg leave, respectfully, to submit the following:

Your committee in company with our worthy President, J. S. Newman, Esq., started early on the 28th July, and proceeded to the plantation of Mr. Seaborn Jernigan, some two miles from the village of "White Plains," in this county. Here we carefully inspected an experimental cotton plot, where were compared the virtues of the following named fertilizers, viz: "Etiwan No. 2," "Pendleton," "Bryant's home-made," and "Hoyt's Super-phosphate." Your committee, without any fore-knowledge of what particular manures were used in the different rows unanimously agreed that the cotton exhibited to us where the "Bryant Compound" was used, quite equalled the cotton in the rows fertilized by the other above mentioned manures, in the following particulars, viz: in luxuriant growth of weed, in healthy color and appearance of foliage, and in amount of bolls and forms per stalk—the "Bryant" corn excelling the others in color. Upon this experimental plot, Mr. Jernigan had used 300 lbs. of the "Bryant Compound" to 200 lbs. of each of the other named fertilizers—the comparative cost of the "Bryant" used being just about one-fifth the cost of the other fertilizers used on the plot. We at the same time visited other fields of cotton belonging to Mr. Jernigan, fertilized with this Bryant Compound, and were very much pleased with the results in every respect. Mr. Jernigan stated to us that he had manipulated on his place the Bryant Compound used by him at him at a total expense of \$15 per ton—this allowing \$2 per ton as the cost of the stable manure, and manipulating the same with the chemicals used. The long and well established reputation of this gentleman as a careful and successful planter, gives much additional weight to his assertion that he was altogether satisfied with his experiments with this home-made article, continued through two years of opposite seasons, and that he would continue its use.

On the same afternoon we inspected a comparative plot of cotton, prepared under very favorable circumstances of location, &c., by Mr. Tappan, of the village of "White Plains," where the Bryant Compound was brought into competition with the following commercial fertilizers and at a cost, respectively, as stated, viz:

Bryant Compound, 350 lbs., cost.....\$ 9 00  
Pure Peruvian, 449 lbs., cost.....22 50  
Pendleton, 530 lbs., cost.....19 50  
Sea Fowl, 655 lbs., cost.....23 03  
Hoyt's Superphosphate 690 lbs., cost.....21 00

Here we decided (without any fore-knowledge of what manure were used, respectively, in the different plots) that there was a tie between the "Bryant" and the "Pendleton"—the effects of these two being superior to that of all the others.

We next visited a six acre field of corn, cultivated by Dr. Parker, of the same village, upon land universally pronounced by the neighbors to have been, previous to the application to it the last season of this Bryant fertilizer absolutely sterile and unproductive. Upon this lot had been placed the present season about \$5 worth of this home made manure per acre, and the result exhibited to us was the most remarkable yield of upland corn falling under the experience of either of us. [We have been promised the actual yield, when gathered of this lot.]

Other plantations on our route, visited by us the next day, evidenced the same valuable and satisfactory results, wherever this home-made manure was used, or came into competition with other well known and expensive manures. Want of time alone prevented your committee from visiting Mr. Wm. Bryant, who if not the originator of this valuable fertilizer, has used it longer and more extensively in his own farming, and contributed more to its use among his neighbors, than probably any other person.

The formula used by Mr. Jernigan is as follows:

#### FORMULA.

1. Common ashes (unleached).....3 bush.
2. Stable manure (just as taken from the stable).....40 bush.
3. Any good superphosphate.....3 bush.
4. Peruvian guano or cotton seed.....4 bush.
5. Nitrate of Soda.....40 lbs.
6. SSI ammoniac.....22 lbs.
7. Sulphate of Soda.....20 lbs.
8. Sulphate of Ammonia.....5 lbs.
9. Common salt.....10 lbs.

Under the following directions: Mix Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 together; dissolve Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in five buckets of water, and pour the

solution slowly over the mixture, working the mass till thoroughly incorporated. This formula was also observed by Mr. Tappan upon his experimental plot above noticed, except that in place of stable manure he used ordinary rich earth, and in place of cotton seed, as used by Mr. Jernigan, he employed one sack of pure Peruvian guano—thus increasing the cost of his compound to about \$22 per ton.

We are informed that this season Mr. Bryant and some few of his neighbors have modified the above formula, and are experimenting with the following:

- No. 1. Stable manure.....20 bush.
- No. 2. Common salt.....4 bush.
- No. 3. Nitrate of Soda.....40 lbs.
- No. 4. Sulphate of Ammonia.....40 lbs.
- No. 5. Ground bone.....1 barrel.
- No. 6. Land Plaster.....1 barrel.
- No. 7. Ashes.....1 barrel.

A single field of cotton falling under our observation upon which this second formula was used, compared favorably at the time of our visit with crops stimulated with the other well known manures. The cost per ton of the first formula is \$15—that of the second \$22.50—the difference in price being owing in some measure, probably to the different method of obtaining the necessary chemicals; Messrs. Jernigan and Tappan getting theirs direct from New York—the others ordering theirs through two or three intermediate agents.

It is the opinion of your committee that the very high price demanded and paid for all of the standard fertilizers in general use, is a drain upon the labor of the farmer, heretofore only sustained by the extraordinary high rolling price of cotton, and which must prove utterly ruinous in the future to him if the cotton market should, as anticipated, suffer a severe and uniform decline.

This committee has not now at hand the means of ascertaining the profits or dividends of the different guano companies throughout the country, but they are known generally to be large, and in many cases enormous, while many of their compounds have been proved to be comparatively worthless. This increasing mania for high sounding, high priced, and often worthless fertilizers, must be checked throughout the South, or the farmers must make up their minds at once to sell themselves and their lands to the commission merchants and guano men, and labor in their interests alone.

But cannot every intelligent farmer organize a guano company on his farm—the stock and his laborers taking all the stock? We think this feasible. There is no plantation in the county that does not afford ample and the richest material to be used as a basis. The chemicals necessary to utilize its materials are well known and to be obtained cheaply and in abundance. The enterprise and energy of a few practical planters in this and an adjoining county have proved by experiments falling under the observation of your committee, that as good or better corn or cotton can be made by the use of material so bountifully spread about our very doors, as may be yielded by any of the nostrums sold to us at such extravagant prices by men who feel generally an interest only in stock dividends.

Your committee submit for your inspection samples of the fertilizer made by the gentleman using it. We are assured that from two to three tons can be manufactured per day by two competent hands, and you will perceive that the mixture is thoroughly compounded, as friable, and as easily applied as any of the most popular fertilizers used. Your committee therefore recommend to the members of this club, that they carefully and experimentally manufacture and use this Bryant Compound upon their crops of all kinds. They disavow any purpose in this report save that falling strictly within the purview of their appointment, viz: that of placing before our members figures and data respecting a much needed economy in farming, furnished us by altogether reliable gentlemen, and facts coming directly under our own personal observation. It is understood to be the purpose of the Club to further investigate the utility of this fertilizer, by sending back this or another committee to visit and inspect the crops where it is used, at some time later in the season, when the crops and final results are more matured.

We will await with interest the report of this second committee. We seek light and information upon a subject of overshadowing importance to us—not merely as theorists or as chemists, nor yet as speculators, but as agriculturists. The appeal comes up from all sections of the South to make her independent of her late enemies in the North and West, by growing in abundance every product necessary to her sustenance and wealth. Let us, if practicable, take one step further, and by returning to the bosom of our exhausted fields their own waste product, enrich them and ourselves. It is quite possible that the formula, as given, may be much improved upon by careful experiment and analysis, but these improvements are not beyond the observation and con-

trol of intelligent gentlemen, and they may soon serve to relieve us, as well as others, of a tax and burthen that may prove intolerable.

Respectfully,  
H. H. CLINCH,  
GEO. WHITE,  
SIMEON D. RODGERS.  
Committee.



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